

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph starting at page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Latex turbidimetric immunoassay can be conducted by mixing antibody-sensitized latex particles with a biological sample in an appropriate buffer. In the present invention, a larger amount of the antibody and a basic amino acid is allowed to exist in a reaction system when the antibody-sensitized latex particles are mixed with the biological sample and agglutinated. The final concentration of an antibody added to a reaction system is 0.05 to 0.1 mg/mL in typical turbidimetric immunoassay, whereas in the present invention, the antibody is added at a concentration greater than or equal to at least 0.15 mg/mL, preferably greater than or equal to ~~0.16 mg~~ 0.16 mg/mL. An upper limit thereto is not limited in light of the effect of suppressing the variability of a measurement value attributable to phenotype variety. However, the concentration is preferably 1 mg/mL or less, more preferably 0.3 mg/mL or less, particularly preferably 0.23 mg/mL or less, from the viewpoint of obtaining a favorable image of agglutination in the latex turbidimetric immunoassay. For adjusting the amount of the antibody added, the amount of the antibody-sensitized latex particles added to the reaction system may be increased, or the amount, per unit latex particle, of the antibody used for sensitization of the latex particles may be increased. Alternatively, the antibody-sensitized latex particles, which are prepared as sensitized latex particles at a concentration of 0.05 to 0.5% by weight relative to the medium dispersion as described above, may be allowed to have a higher concentration in the medium dispersion.